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Chinese Communist Order of Battle and Military Information, Kwangtung

1. On 24 December 1950 the 4 Engineers Regiment (about 2,000 men) of the 3 Field Army arrived at Ch'uchiang (113-33, 24-50) with about 20 wagons of supplies¹, and established headquarters on K'angjih (康吉) Road. They were assigned to work on defenses east of Ch'uchiang. The commanding officer is HU (胡), a native of Anhwei.
2. On 26 December about 200 cavalymen and 100 horses of the 3 Field Army arrived at Ch'uchiang by train, and went to Mapa (113-32, 24-43). On 27 December about 800 infantrymen of the 3 Field Army arrived, and were quartered at Wuli'ing (五里亭).
3. As of early December 1950 headquarters of the 123 Division, 41 Army was at Mawiao on the road between Tanshui (114-28, 22-47) and Aot'ou (114-32, 22-43). Guns were mounted and camouflaged in 5 anti-aircraft (AA) machine gun emplacements and 2 AA gun emplacements near the division headquarters.
4. Air defense training courses of one month's duration were scheduled to start at 123 Division headquarters on 15 December.
5. On 8 December 1950 three Russian technicians arrived at 123 Division headquarters to advise on the construction of defense works.
6. On 9 December three heavy guns sent to Tanshui (114-28, 22-47) from Huiyang (114-26, 23-05) were emplaced in the following positions: Miao Bay (114-22-), the entrance to Aot'ou harbor, and Loshan (螺山) near Aot'ou harbor.
7. On 7 December 123 Division headquarters sent the 2 Engineers Company with barbed wire to erect defenses in front of gun positions in Aot'ou harbor.
8. Loshan (螺山), a hill at the southeast corner of Tanshui harbor, has the largest woods in the surrounding area and is about 600 meters above sea level.

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Half way up the hill, the Communists have built defense works big enough to be manned by a battalion (about 480 men). Three gunpits are at the summit - one in the center, one on the south, and one on the southwest side.² All command good views of the sea.

9. Cement, iron rods, and timber have been taken to Sammen Island (三門) for the construction of defense works. The island is garrisoned by a battalion of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column, and it is said that defense works have been constructed all around the island.
10. The Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee has sent two Russian naval advisers to Swatow to supervise the construction of coastal defense works being erected by the Kwangtung Military District Command (KMDC). The KMDC is also using several thousand civilian laborers to construct a road between Jaop'ing (116-48, 23-58) and Chieh-yang (116-20, 23-32).
11. The KMDC has ordered the Central Kwangtung Military District Command (CKMDC) to increase coastal defense works. Defenses of Yaimen (崖門), Muchou (媽六甲), and Lilo (六甲) have already been enlarged, and the garrisons total 2,500 men.

Road Repairs

12. Technicians and laborers have been supplied by the KMDC to help local governments repair the Canton-Swatow, Paoan-Shench'uan, and Canton-Kowloon roads for military use.

Tele-communications

13. The KMDC in mid-December sent the 4 Independent Signal Unit under CH'EN Pei (陳沛) with a Soviet adviser to construct a tele-communications network on the coast of the East River area.

Naval Activities

14. As of early January 1951 the officers and organization of the Kwangtung River Defense Headquarters (KRDH) were as follows:

Head of the KRDH: TSENG Sheng (曾生)³
 Deputy : WANG Tso-yao (王作堯)
 Chief of Staff : LI Huai-chang (李懷章)

- a. Pearl River Squadron: (36 ships)
 500-1500 tons: WU FENG (舞鳳), CH'IN TSIN (欽進), and HSIN SHENG (新生).
 Gunboats of less than 500 tons: FEN TCU (奮鬥), KUO KAN (果敢), HAI TAI (海泰), HAI YUNG (海榮), HAI P'ING (海平).
 16 Vessels of some value: KUAN HUI (關輝), CH'ENG FENG (成豐), NU LI (努力), and CH'EN FANG/3 (陳放) to CHIAI FANG/14. The rest are reconditioned launches.
- b. Central Kwangtung Squadron and Chaochou-Swatow Squadron:
 Central Kwangtung Squadron: about 10 anti-scuttling boats and a few self-propelled armored junks. The Chaochou/Swatow Squadron has about 10 armored junks.
- c. Manshan Patrol Headquarters:
 About 3,000 men deployed in the Manshan Islands.

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G. Miao Bay Garrison Headquarters:

About 1,000 infantry and artillery under CHANG Hsiang-wu (張向武), with headquarters at Aot'ou Harbor.

H. Bocca Tigris Patrol Detachment:

Garrison of about 3,000 on Bocca Tigris under WANG Tso-yao. Also several small gunboats including HAI P'ING (海平), and HAI NING (海寧).⁴

I. River Defense Headquarters Detachment: (Sub-Section)

Still in planning stage. Headquarters to be at Wantsai (灣仔), Chungshan (中山). KU Te-shan (顧德善) to be officer in charge.

15. On 29 November 1950 two small Communist gunboats bearing numbers 201 and 206 were seen cruising along shore in Miao Bay and Bias Bay.

16. On 23 November 1950 the Kwangtung River Defense Headquarters sent its Soviet adviser, Wei-pi-t'ao-lu (維比托魯), and an engineer, TING Ping-hun (丁炳坤), to Yuchu (漁洲), Polo (波羅), and Chuts'un (朱村) to select a site for a naval training camp. Cadets will be accepted in the spring of 1951. The camp will be under command of WANG Tso-yao.

17. On 24 November, 8 naval officers who were trained in the USSR arrived in Canton, and were assigned to the Kwangtung River Defense Headquarters. The senior officer is HSI Feng-ho (許逢和), a native of Chekiang.

18. On 1 December Kow-erh-t'a-fu (柯爾塔夫), a Soviet adviser to the Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee, and WANG Tso-yao inspected Bocca Tigris, Mansha (南沙), and Lungshueh aboard the naval craft MIENCHIANG (建昌).

Airfields in Kwangtung

19. White Cloud Airfield has been enlarged to include the area of Tapei (大埗), and Linhuach'iao (林化橋), to the north of Sanyuanli (三元里). It now has five runways.⁵

20. On 16 December the Chungshan Military Control Commission was ordered to send 100 laborers to construct dumps and warehouses on Santao (三太) Airfield.⁶

21. On 4 December 1950 the South China Supply Depot of the Air Force Headquarters started to dismantle its machinery at Tienho Airfield and move its supplies from Tungshan to Huahsien. The depot is expected to move eventually to Yingto (113-21, 24-12).

Air Defense in Kwangtung

22. The Canton Air Defense Headquarters has a control station in the Canton-Kowloon railway station at Canton. Soviet technicians are operating the radio, telegraph, and radar.

23. On 3 December about 100 men of 6 Company, 2 Anti-Aircraft Gun Battalion, Air Defense Unit of the Central and South China Military Area Command, equipped with 6 x 3.5 inch AA guns, 2 sound detectors, and one small radar set, left Canton for Swatow.

24. On 3 December the Kwangtung Military Area Command sent its Soviet adviser, Ku-hsi-ssu-fu (柯西蘇夫), and CHU Weng-t'eng (朱文騰), a section chief of the Nations Defense Research Committee, and about 10 others to the Wanshan Islands to set up a small radar station at Kangao (崗澳).

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Military Supplies, Kwangtung Area

25. The Ch'uchiang (113-33, 24-50) office of the Military Supply Department of the Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee is on the first floor of the Ch'ing Nien (清年) Hotel. CHU Yun-chang (朱雲章) is director. The warehouse is at 5 Fungtsai (鳳采) Road.
26. On 14 December 1950 about 30 truck loads of gasoline, kerosene, and foreign medicines arrived in Huiyang (114-26, 23-05) from Aot'ou Harbor. The gasoline is stored in dugouts outside the south city gate and the medicines in 41 Army Headquarters; the kerosene went to the East River Trading Company.
27. On 10 December 1950 about 40 x 3.5 inch AA guns and about 20 AA machine guns arrived at the Kwangtung Military District Command Headquarters via the Canton-Hankow railroad. The guns were delivered to Whampoa (113-24, 23-05) and Shaho (沙角).
28. On 11 December 1950 the Kwangtung Military District Command sent 26 AA guns to Chungshan on eight large junks and allocated about 10 AA machine guns to the Kwangtung River Defense Headquarters for patrol craft in the Pearl River.

Militia Forces

29. On 10 December 1950 the Kwangtung Military Control Commission at Canton issued about 70,000 rifles and carbines and about 2,000 machine guns from captured Nationalist supplies to subordinate commands in the Kwangtung Military District for distribution to militiamen who have completed training. They also issued orders to make available all arms in store to the militia.
30. On 25 and 26 December 1950 about 700 militiamen were sent to Ch'uchiang from cities in the North River District. The local defense headquarters took them to Fengwan (鳳灣) for training.

Army Recruiting, Kwangtung Area

31. Students and the unemployed in Kwangtung are being recruited for the Communist armies, and Nationalist prisoners of war are also being pressed into service. HONG K'o (洪高), secretary of the East River Working Committee of the New Democracy Youth Corps, and HSU Tan-hua of the propaganda department of the same committee are recruiting middle school students. CHO Yang (卓揚), director of the propaganda department of the East River Chinese Communist Party headquarters, is also participating in the Nationalist recruiting program. Over 100 unemployed and 500 Nationalist prisoners of war have left the Canton area for Korea. The prisoners of war were sent from Yent'ang (雁塘) training camp. About 350 political suspects in the First Jail in Canton were also to be sent to the army in Manchuria on 25 December.
32. Between 14 and 16 December the Canton Anti-American and Aid to Korea Association sent out 26 teams to encourage young men to join the army.
33. HSIAO Tsiang-ho is director of the propaganda department of the Canton Chinese Communist Party. On instructions from YEN Chien-ying he has organized the local Anti-American and Aid to Korea Committee. LI Chang-ta (李章達) is now chairman and HSIAO and LI Fan-fu (李漢夫) are vice-chairmen.
34. The Kwangtung Military District Command has ordered the mobilization of the local population. Mobilization consists of the training of students, technicians, and the general population throughout Kwangtung.

Campaign Against Anti-Communists

35. The Communists in Canton are asking all Nationalist agents to surrender. Persons who served in Nationalist military or police intelligence act

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as guarantors receiving JMP 500,000 from those who surrender.

36. On 8 December the magistrate of Tungkuan (113-44, 23-02) received a reprimand from TS'AI Kuo-liang, commander of East River Military District, for laxity in securing the registration of anti-Communist agents. The deadline for the surrender of agents and their documents, weapons, radio equipment, and codes was advanced to 15 January.
 37. In late December a joint counter-espionage committee was established under LING Ping (林平) for the North Kwangtung Military Defense Headquarters, the Ch'uchiung local government, and the Ch'uchiung Public Safety Bureau. The Committee is to register Nationalist agents and all who have served with Nationalist political and military organizations.
 38. On 6 December CHU Kuei-ming (朱快明), principal of Ch'ungho (崇和) Middle School at Tanshui (114-28, 22-47), became chief intelligence agent at Aot'ou and Mrs Bay for the East River Special Commissioner's office. CHU was once a Communist underground agent in the vicinity of Tanshui and Aot'ou.
 39. On 18 December the Paoan local government was ordered by the Kwangtung provincial government to put under strict surveillance all locally populace and influential persons, as well as former Nationalist government employees, to prevent contacts with Nationalist agents. On the same day the Paoan local government was ordered to enforce the winter curfew.
 40. In late December 1950 the Chungshan Military Control Commission received secret instructions from the South China Bureau to suspend all activities of the Democratic League, the Democratic Socialist Party, the Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee, and the China Farmers' Party. All certificates issued to the parties named are to be returned to the local government, and names of all members reported to the South China Bureau.
 41. A general registration of the local populace is in progress in Canton. After 15 January 1951 all young, able-bodied men leaving the city are to be required to have a guarantee and return to Canton within a specified time.
 42. The Chungshan Military Control Commission is tightening travel controls in the Chungshan area. Within Chungshan, check points for the searching of persons have been established at Hsindon (113-14, 22-40), Tomen (113-13, 22-16), Santiao (113- , 22-), Sanchiang (113-07, 22-26), and Shinch'i (113-22, 22-30). In villages along the coastal area of Chungshan, a system of 3-family joint guarantee has been enforced, and outsiders are not allowed to travel freely to the coast. To avoid detention, those returning from Hong Kong and Macao to homes in the area have to be sponsored by a local farmer's union or Communist cadre. All vehicles in Chungshan are required to register with the local government and are not permitted to go beyond Kuancha on the Macao frontier.
- Shayuyung-Shench'uan-Paoan Public Safety Bureau
43. As of early December 1950 the assault battalion of the Shayuyung (114-24, 22-36)-Shench'uan (114-08, 22-32)-Paoan (113-56, 22-32) Public Safety Bureau had a strength of 500 men. It was stationed at Lunghua (114-01, 22-48) and was commanded by TIAO Chieh (刁捷).

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14. The organization of the above Public Safety Bureau is as follows:

Shanyung-Shench'nan-Paoan Public Safety Bureau

Secretariat	Police	Judicial	Counter	Traffic	Emergency	Superintendence
			Intelli- gence			
Nant'ou Sub-bureau			Shench'nan Sub-bureau			

Police Stations

15. Police stations for the Bureau have been operating since 18 December 1950 at Shat'ouchiao (114-14, 22-32), Shawanhsu (114-08, 22-36), Pinghu (114-08, 22-41), Kailan (114-08), Kushihsien (113-56, 22-41), Kungming (113-56), Sungkang (113-39, 22-44), Shaching (113-39, 22-44), Hsinch'iao (113-50, 22-44), Fenghuang (113-52, 22-34), Kushi (113-52, 22-34), and Tanchia (113-52, 22-34).

Evacuation of Canton

16. As of mid-December the following government offices and factories were evacuated from Canton:

Kwangtung Military District Command to Huangt'ienpa (黃田陂).

Financial Department of the Kwangtung provincial government to Ho I (何一) Pawn Shop in Mapa (113-32, 24-43).

People's Bank to Shihhsuyen (石湖山), Mapa.

Cultural and Education Department of Kwangtung provincial government to Chajai (茶街) Middle School, Wulit'ing (五里亭).

Civil Affairs and Industrial Departments⁶ of the Kwangtung Provincial Government to Shachuan (沙川) Apartment House, Huangkang (113-51, 22-46).

Public Safety Department of the Kwangtung provincial government⁸ to old site of Nationalist 12 Army Group headquarters in K'angjia (坑甲).

Kwangtung Law Court to Loeh'ang (113-18, 25-08).

Civil Aviation Bureau to Ch'uchiang.

A part of the local cement factory to Chihchiang (109-37, 27-27), Hunan.

A part of Canton Tax Bureau to Linchiang (林池), Kwangtung.

Canton Maritime Customs to Yingto.

7 Arms Repair Shop to Hunan province.

The cotton mill to Loeh'ang.

The Kwangtung Military Control Commission has sent a man to find a suitable site for that office at Yingto.

The Canton Municipal Government has established an office at Shihch'iao (113-22, 22-56).

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Economic Information, Kwangtung

47. The Kwangtung Provincial Government has ordered the suspension of all non-essential building activity. It has also ordered the North River and Central Kwangtung Special Commissioners' Offices to impose a 20 percent government surtax from December and an 80 percent tax on those farmers who have not yet paid their taxes on the autumn rice crop.
48. The Chinese Communists are not allowing exports from Kwangtung without special permission. Opium, tobacco, cattle, and vegetables may be exported with special permission, but the merchant has to import an equivalent amount of essential war materials. A rise in smuggling and the black market has resulted from these regulations.
49. The Communists are combing Kwangtung for scrap iron and metal. Some is being sent North. The remainder is being stored in the northern outskirts of Canton.
50. The Communists have tightened control over the export of agricultural produce and cattle from Chungshan. The controlling organization is the local branch of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association.
51. The Communists in Chungshan are attempting to increase the circulation of JRP notes and control inflation by asking the local population to pay for food in money instead of in kind. CHOU Shou-yu (周守愚), former Kuomintang member and present principal of Chou Sung (周松) Memorial Middle School at Shihch'i, has been asked to enlist students to assist in this effort.
52. In late December HO Chun-ts'ai (何俊才) was made chairman of the North River Land Reform Committee at Ch'u Chiang. Committee members include:
 - HUANG Tung-hua (黃桐華)
 - CH'EN Jen-ch'i (陳仁義)
 - LI Po-ts'ai (李拔材)
 - TS'AI Hsiung (蔡雄)
 - CHANG Shang-shun (張尚舜)
 - YUN Ch'ang-yu (雲昌遇)
 - TU Hsi-p'eng (涂錫鵬)
53. The Communists are dumping large quantities of cotton yarn and consumer goods on the market in an attempt to stabilize the JRP.

Training of Communist Agents Hong Kong, Canton, and Macao

54. The South China Bureau is training 200 young Communist cadres at Hankuang (港光) near Yingte. They are to be agents in Hong Kong, Canton, and Macao in the event of a third world war.

Sino-Soviet Friendship Association

55. CH'IAN Shan (錢山)⁹, chairman of the Canton Sino-Soviet Friendship Association, sponsored a dance at Tungshan (112-34, 22-07) on 17 December for about 100 Soviets. Fifty women of the Cultural Workers' Corps were their partners.

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2. ~~Comment.~~ Presumably the heavy gun mentioned in paragraph 6 is in one of these pits.
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3. ~~Comment.~~ ~~25X1A~~ in late December 1950 TSING recommended that Kwangtung military authorities adopt defense plans for the coastal area. WANG Tso-yao was reported ~~25X1A~~ as deputy commander of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi column. ~~25X1A~~ for more information on WANG Tso-yao. LI Hui-chang was reported ~~25X1A~~ as chief of staff of the Pearl River Defense Headquarters.
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4. ~~Comment.~~ ~~25X1A~~ gives more information on forces around Bocca Tigris.
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5. ~~Comment.~~ ~~25X1A~~ for more information on construction at White Cloud Airfield.
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6. ~~Comment.~~ ~~25X1A~~ expansion of Santiao Airfield was abandoned in mid-December 1950 because of the vulnerability of this field to naval bombardment, but SC-58285 and references later reported renewed activity.
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7. ~~Comment.~~ ~~25X1A~~ an artillery division of the 3 Field Army is disposed in Paoan Border area and Wanshan Islands.
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8. ~~Comment.~~ ~~25X1A~~ the Cultural and Education Department is moving to Huahsien (113-18, 23-29), and the Industrial Department to Sanshui (112-54, 23-08). Also part of the Public Safety Bureau was reported as moving to Chiangtsun (113-14, 23-170).
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9. ~~Comment.~~ ~~25X1A~~ for more information on Oil-Yang Shan.

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